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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. JOHNATHAN WAGNER, ACTING CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF APPEALS
FROM: ROBERT C. CRAIG, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: APPLICATION# 08-02-ALEXAN CONCORD FOR COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT
DATE: APRIL 24, 2008
CC: TOWN MANAGER, PLANNING DIRECTOR, TOWN ENGINEER

In order to provide initial comments to both the Board of Appeals and the Board of Selectmen relative to this project, I have reviewed the subject material that has been submitted in this regard. In addition I have conversed with Roland Bartl, Planning Director and most recently I met with the Fire Chief for the Town of Concord. I would refer initially to the comments submitted by Roland Bartl, in his memo of March 20, 2008. I believe Roland did an excellent job in outlining what would be my concerns as well, mostly dealing with the issue of secondary access. For the most part, this concern of the need for secondary access formed the majority of my discussion with Chief Willette, the Concord Fire Chief. Chief Willette has written to the Town of Concord Board of Appeals with a recommendation that there is a condition in the Comprehensive Permit for at least two secondary means of emergency access to this project that meet the approval of the Town of Concord Fire Department. He has shared a map with me with a total of five such points of emergency access including points of access that Roland has mentioned. It would be his intent to have the approved points of emergency access as far apart as possible. There has been no decision yet on his recommendation, however, I would concur with his recommendation.

In addition to discussion that centered around the issue of secondary access, we also discussed building fire prevention measures, street layout and provisions for emergency response. Upon initial discussion, it appears that the Concord Fire Department would be seeking emergency response only on a mutual-aid basis for this project and would not require an automatic response of our apparatus. The Concord Fire Chief is continuing to meet with the developers of the project and as a result I do not have any further information to provide at this time